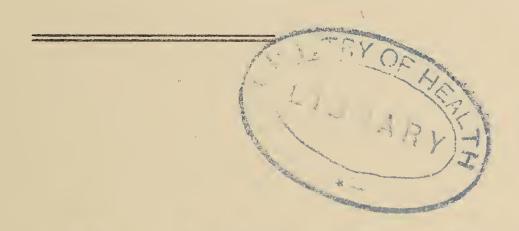
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YEAR 1952

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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LITHERLAND

Town Hall,
LITHERLAND,
LIVERPOOL, 21.
August, 1953.

To The Chairman and Members

of the Health Committee.

LADY/GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

I would like to comment on one or two facts which have emerged and which I think are worthy of note.

The infant mortality rate in Litherland in 1952 decreased to 24 infant deaths per 1,000 live births as opposed to 30 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 1951.

There was not a single case of diphtheria notified during the year and no deaths from scarlet fever or whooping cough, and only one death from measles during 1952.

The number of notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis during the year was 48, this was fourteen higher than the previous year. The notification rate of Pulmonary Tuberculosis has fluctuated over the past few years, and there has been no downward trend as has been seen in the non-Pulmonary rate.

Improved housing and the relief of overcrowding will certainly reduce the number of cases of tuberculosis in the district.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Staff of the Department for their help and the members of the Health Committee for their sustained interest in the health of the district.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. HAILWOOD,

Medical Officer of Health.

PARTICULARS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1952.

1.—Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in acres	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	818
Population—Census	, 1951	• • •	•••	•••	• • •	• • •	22,197
—Estimat	ed, Mid	d 1952		• • •	• • •	• • •	22,410
No. of inhabitated h	ouses (Census,	1951)	• • •	•••		5,858
No. of inhabitated h	ouses o	n Rate	Books,	Dec.	1952	• • •	5,910
Rateable Value	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	£134,245
General Rate, 1951/	52	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	20/10d.
Sum represented by	a penn	y rate	* • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	£530

There is no special report to make on the influence of any particular occupation on public health.

Unemployment.—There are no separate figures at the Labour Exchange as to the extent of the unemployment in the district.

BIRTHS.

The number of children born in the district during 1952 was 381; 180 males and 201 females. This gives a Birth Rate of 17.0, adjusted 14.8.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths during the year 1952 was 197; 117 males and 80 females. This gives a crude Death Rate of 8.8, adjusted 10.8. 98 deaths of Litherland residents occurred outside the district.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

During the year 9 children died who, at the time of their death, had not reached the age of one year.

ZYMOTIC DEATHS.

During the year, there were no deaths from Whooping Cough, no deaths from Diphtheria, one death from Measles, and no deaths from Meningococcal infection.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Home population—Registrar General's estimate, mid 1952, 22,410

COMPARABILITY FACTORS.

Births	0.	87	Ι	Deaths	1.2	23
Live Births—			Still Births—			
		M. F.			M.	F.
Total	• • •	180 201	Total	* * *	2	2
Legitimate	• • •	174 192	Legitimate	•••	2	2
Illegitimate	• • •	6 9	Illegitimate	• • •		
Deaths of Infar	its un	der one ye	ar Deaths of Infa	nts un	der fo	ur
year of age			weeks of a	ige—		
year of age		M. F.	weeks of a	ige—	M.	F.
year of age Total	• • •	M. F.	weeks of a	ige—	M. 6	F.
						F. —

LITHERLAND U.D.C.

(camparability factor, 1.23) — 10.8 per 1,000.

Death-rate

Total		7	five	years 1186			~ C	years	0001	3		10.15	years	1449		Over 15 years	13 years 1871	6164
Under 1 1952	121	86	18	9	4	16	17	4		7	5				1	П		293
1951	150	137	17	18	13	38	28	16	34	27	15	24	11	∞	5	2	1	543
2 1950	148	108	29	17	10	44	41	30	28	23	23	13	3	2	3	7	!	527
3	134	181	11	11	10	12	=======================================	13	10	12	7						1	412
4 1948	17	262	32	7	10	9	∞	2	1		—						_	346
5	168	118	37	12	7	5	3	1	7		1		П				Ì	354
6 1946	2	189	41	15	6	2	11	7	3	2	5	4	7	3	-			296
7	2	209	31	20	111	19	19	12	∞	7	5	∞	2	1				354
8 1944	7	115	23	10	7	5	-	7	9	8	∞	7	_	-				196
9	23	144	51	55	59	35	38	30	25	24	25	6	∞	∞				534
10	1	118	96	98	63	55	46	22	14	16	6	∞	13	-				547
11 1941	_	44	37	30	31	59	41	27	24	19	21	18	6	~	-			370
12 1940	_	14	21	23	26	63	35	111	16	6		9	6	6		_		255
13 1939]	6	9		10	31	14	10	16	12	6	4	2					135
14		5	10		16	30	29	13	6	12	∞	9	4	9				146
15 1937		2	6	∞	12	29	16	14	6	18	6	6	4	7			distribution and the state of t	146
16 1936	1	9	5	6	10	38	17	24	40	31	41	37	21	14			1	294
17	1	11	21	22	30	47	51	41	40	36	55	30	21	Π				416
Age at date of Inoculation	Under 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 ,,	3-4	4-5	5-6 ,,	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10 ,,	10-11 ,,	1-12	12-13 ,,	13-14 33	14-15 ,,	15 yrs & over	Agenotknown	Totals

Causes of Death in Litherland Urban District, 1952.

	Causes of Death.	M.		F.
		117		80
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	9	• • •	3
2.	Other Tuberculosis Diseases	1		1
3.	Syphilitic disease		• • •	
4.	Diphtheria		• • •	
5.	Whooping cough			
6.	Meningococcal infections		• • •	
7.	Acute polioyelitis			_
8.	Measles	Command May	• • •	1
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases			
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	• • •	4
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	9	• • •	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast			2
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus			
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10	• • •	7
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia		• • •	1
16.	Diabetes		• • •	_
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	• • •	10
18.	Coronary diseases, angina	18	• • •	7
19.	Hypertension, with heart disease	2	• • •	2
20.	Other heart disease	10	• • •	23
21.	Other circulatory disease	7	• • •	4
22.	Influenza		• • •	-
23.	Pneumonia	7		4
24.	Bronchitis	7		6
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system		• • •	
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1		
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2		
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-		
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	2		-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-		
31.	Congenital malformations	1	• • •	
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	• • •	4
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	2		
34.	All other accidents	2	• • •	
35.	Suicide	2	• • •	
36.	Homicide and operations of war		• • •	_
	All causes	117	s • •	80

Birth Rates, Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality, and Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 951

(Provisional Figures based on Quarterly Returns)

(Provisional	Figures bas	ed on Quar	terly Return	s.)
	England and Wales.	160 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London.	Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census).	London. Administrative County.
	Rat	tes per 1,000 H	Home Population	on.
Births— Live Births Still Births	15.3 0.35 22.6 (a)	16.9 0.43 24.6 (a)	15.5 0.36 23.0 (a)	17 6 0.34 19.2 (a)
All Causes Typhoid & Paratyphoid Whooping Cough Diphtheria Tuberculosis Influenza Smallpox Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis) Pneumonia	11.3 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.24 0.04 0.00 0 01 0.47	12.1 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.28 0.04 	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.22 0.04 	12.6 0.00 0.00 0.31 0.05 0.01 0.58
Notifications—(Corrected) Typhoid Fever Paratyphoid Fever Meningococcal Infection Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria Erysipelas Smallpox Measles Pneumonia Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis) Paralytic	0.00 0.02 0.03 1.53 2.61 0.01 0.14 0.00 8.86 0.72	0.00 0.02 0.03 1 75 2.74 0.01 0.15 0 00 10.11 0.80	0.00 0.03 0.03 1.58 2.57 0.03 0.12 0.00 8 49 0.62	0.00 0.01 0.02 1.56 1.66 0.01 0.14 9 23 0.57
Paralytic Non-Paralytic Food Poisoning Puerperal pyrexia Deaths—All causes under 1 year of age Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	0.06 0.03 0.13 17.87 (a) 27.6 (b) 1.1	0.06 0 03 0.16 23.94 (a) Rates per 10 31.2	0.06 0.02 0.11 10.22 (a) 00 Live Births 25.8 0.5	0.06 0.03 0.18 30.77 (a) 23.8

Maternal Mortality in E	England a	nd Wales.	
Intermediate List No. and cause	Number of Deaths	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	Rates per million women aged 15-44
A115 Sepsis of pregnancy, childbirth and the			
puerperium		0.09	
Abortion with toxaemia	13	0.02	1
Al16 Other toxaemias of pregnancy and the			
puerperium		0.21	
Al17 Haemorrhage of pregnancy and childbirth	59	0.09	
All8 Abortion without mention of sepsis or			
toxaemia	0.1	0.04	3
All Abortion with sepsis	47	0.07	5
A120 Other complications of pregnancy, child-			
A120 Other complications of pregnancy, child-birth and the puerperium	138	0.20	
	1		

⁽a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.(b) Per 1,000 related live births.

2.—General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

HOSPITALS.

There are no hospitals in the district. Infectious diseases are admitted to Hospitals in Liverpool. General Medical and General Surgical cases are removed to the General Hospitals of Liverpool, Bootle, Waterloo and Alder Hey. Children are admitted to the Liverpool Childrens Hospital also to Alder Hey Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS.

This work is administered by the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board, the Tuberculosis Dispensary being situated at "Ellesmere," Crosby Road North, Waterloo. Home visiting of patients is carried out by nurses under the supervision of the Lancashire County Council, working from the above Dispensary.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Patients make their own arrangements with the Liverpool Hospitals.

MATERNITY.

There is no Maternity Hospital in the district, but the Liverpool and Ormskirk Hospitals are available.

MIDWIVES.

There are three Midwives on the County Council Register and practising in the district. There are no Health Visitors, Nurses or Midwives employed by or assisted by the Local Authority.

MATERNITY MORTALITY.

No special arrangements have been made for the investigation of maternal deaths, and cases of Puerperal Fever or Puerperal Pyrexia; this work is carried out by the Lancashire County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action has been necessary under the above Act during the year.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

This work is administered by the Lancashire County Council. The Clinics are situated at 32 Linacre Road and Sefton Avenue, Litherland, and provide for:—

MATERNITY AND CHIL	D WEL	FARE	Setton Avenue, Litherland.
ANTE-NATAL	• • •	• • •	Sefton Avenue, Litherland.
SCHOOL CLINICS—			
Dental		• • •	32 Linacre Road, Litherland.
Ophthalmic		• • •	32 Linacre Road, Litherland.
Minor Ailments			32 Linacre Road, Litherland.
Orthonaedic			Sefton Avenue Litherland

A Day Nursery was opened on April 10th, 1943, to accommodate 50 children. It has proved a success and met a wartime need of some urgency. Consequently, an extension was opened on the 21st June, 1944, for 40 children. The Nursery is open from Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children of the age of 12 months to 5 years are accepted. This nursery is administered by the County Council.

Sefton Avenue, Litherland.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

Two District Nurses visit on request of the Medical Practitioners by arrangement. This service is administered by the County Council.

Domestic Help Service.

Speech Therapy

This service is administered by the County Council, and Home Helps can be obtained in cases of illness on application to the Divisional Medical Officer or through the Litherland Health Department.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Ambulance Services are provided by the Lancashire County Council from Depots in Crosby and Ormskirk.

PATHOLOGICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Sputum.—These specimens are sent direct to Lancashire County Council Tuberculosis Dispensary, by Medical Practitioners.

Blood, Throat Swabs, etc—Sent direct by Medical Practitioners to Liverpool University, Bacteriological Department.

Milk.—Ten samples were submitted to Liverpool University, also 12 samples of Ice Cream.

3.—Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is obtained from the City of Liverpool; the chief source is Lake Vyrnwy in Wales. The water is excellent in quality, and there is a constant supply for all purposes. The number of houses supplied direct from the public mains is approximately 5,910. There has been no analysis during the year this work is carried out by Liverpool Corporation. Complaints of discolouration and sediment were reported to Liverpool Corporation and received prompt attention. The whole of the dwelling-houses are supplied from the public water mains direct to the houses.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

The sewage (which is dealt with on the combined system) is discharged without treatment into the River Mersey.

The second portion of the Rimrose Brook Drainage Scheme now in progress, when completed, should remove flooding in the lower lying part of the district.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No action has been necessary to check pollution of rivers and streams and no new works have been established to cause pollution.

Closet accommodation at the end of 1952:-

No. of Houses on the Water carriage system ... 5,910

SCAVENGING.

This work was transferred during 1942 from the Surveyor's Department to the Sanitary Department, under the supervision of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and is working satisfactorily. Refuse is conveyed by motor vehicles to the Council's tips, situated in Beach Road, Litherland. The fleet comprises two "Paxit" and one "Low Loader."

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1952.

No. of premises visited	1	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	2,192
Defects or Nuisances-					3	
No. discovered		• • •	• • •		• • •	4,073
No. abated	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		3,949
No. of Notices served-						
Informal	• • •	• • •		• • •		1,887
Abatement				• • •	• • •	Nil
Legal Proceedings	• • •		• • •	• • •	• • •	Nil

Offices and Shops Act, 1950.

No statutory action has been necessary; sanitary defects, etc., have been carried out as required.

CAMPING SITES.

There were no licences issued for camping sites during the year.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no Swimming Baths or Pools within the District.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Twenty-three houses were disinfested during the year; 2 Council houses and 21 other houses, by means of spraying with D.D.T. in Zaldecide and sulpher candles. One Hundred and Thirty-one houses were disinfected for cockroaches, fleas, ants, earwigs, and woodworm.

Complaints of snails in the back passages between the houses were treated with salt satisfactorily.

Schools.

The sanitary condition and the water supply of the schools in the district is generally satisfactory. The schools have been disinfected after the holidays. There was no closing of schools as a result of infection during the year. Two new schools are in progress.

Premises and Occupations which can be Controlled by Byelaws or Regulations.

There are no Common Lodging Houses; Houses let in Lodgings; Tents, Vans or Sheds, or Underground Sleeping Rooms in the district.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are three Tanneries and ten Fish and Chip Potato premises in the district; these are inspected from time to time.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

There is only one Private Slaughter-house in the district. and this is a Registered Slaughter-house.

THE RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises in the district in which Rag Flock is manufactured or sold.

CANAL BOATS.

There are no canal boats used as permanent residences in the district.

4.—Housing.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1951.

There were 36 flats built during the year by the Council, and 17 permanent houses by other bodies.

Housing Application Forms, 1952.

Housing Application Forms for Council houses are continually being received, both from inside and outside the district.

The number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year was approximately 679, the number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year was 62, and 55 cases of overcrowding have been relieved during the year. Eleven cases of overcrowding in houses owned by the Council have been relieved during the year. There is still a serious shortage of houses for all classes of people in the district.

5.—Inspection and Supervision of Food.

MILK SUPPLY.

The Dairies and Milk Shops within the district are periodically inspected.

Ten samples were obtained from persons selling milk within the district, and sent for Bacteriological examination.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938/1950.

Ten samples of milk were submitted to the County Analyst; all samples were reported genuine.

The following 118 samples were obtained in Litherland by the County Sanitary Officer during the year:—

Milk, 87; Butter, 2; Margarine, 1; Cooking Fat, 2; Pork Sausage, 1; Cheese, 2; Baking Powder, 3; Flour, Selfraising, 2; Sugar, 1; Milk condensed, sweetened, skimmed, 1; Breakfast Oats, 2; Icing Sugar, 1; Ice Cream, 3; Ice Lollies, 1; Glycerine, 1; Arrowroot, 1; Flour, 1; Coffee, and chicory essence liquid, 3; Fish Paste, 2; Sodium bicarbonate, 1.

All the above samples were certified by the County Analyst to be genuine, with the exception of the following:—

Sample
1 Glycerine
Contained 0.8 % extraneous water
No action taken.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The food exposed for sale or prepared in the district has been examined from time to time. The premises and shops have been kept in a cleanly state.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are seven Bakehouses in the district; these are in a sanitary condition, clean and well kept; alterations and repairs have been carried out during the year.

Annual Return of Food Poisoning Notifications (Corrected).

- 1. Local Authority Litherland, Liverpool, 21, Lancs. Year 1952.
- 2. Food Poisoning Notifications (Corrected) Returned to R.G.
 1st Quarter 2nd Quarter 3rd Quarter 4th Quarter Total
 Nil ... Nil ... 1 ... 1
- 3. Outbreaks Due to Identified Agents.

Total Outbreaks

Total Cases

*Outbreaks due to:-

(a) Chemical Poisons

- (d) C.1. botulinum
- (b) Salmonella Organisms
- (e) Other bacteria
- (c) Staphylococci (including toxin)
- 4. Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause.

Total Outbreaks

Total Cases

5. Single Cases.

Agent identified Salmonella organisms

Total 1

*Details of each outbreak to be given in Appendix D (II).

6.—Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Disease.

Two hundred and thirteen cases of infectious diseases were notified, and nine were removed to Hospital (see Tables of Notifiable Diseases).

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

Immunization against Diphtheria was taken over by the County Council on July 5th, 1948. Monthly immunization sessions are held at the County Clinic, Sefton Avenue, Litherland; 293 cases were completed during the year, each receiving injections of A.P.T. or T.A.F. Immunization is also carried out in the schools in the district regularly.

Immunization against Diphtheria commenced on 17th May, 1935; during this period 6,164 cases have been immunized in the

district.

There were no cases of diphtheria notified during the year.

SCARLET FEVER.

There were nine cases of Scarlet Fever during the year, a decrease of ten on last year; there were no deaths from this disease, which continues to be a mild disease.

MALARIA.

One case was notified during the year (contracted abroad).

TYPHOID FEVER (INCLUDING PARA-TYPHOID).

There were no cases of Typhoid or Para-Typhoid during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were forty-three new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis and two new cases of Non-Respiratory notified during the year, this shows an increase of fourteen respiratory cases over last year. There were twelve deaths from respiratory cases and one death from non-respiratory cases, showing an increase of two respiratory deaths and one non-respiratory death. No action has been necessary in respect of Tuberculous employees in the Milk Trade or to Section 62 Public Health Act 1925, for removal to Hospital of infectious persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

MEASLES.

Measles show a decrease during the year 175 cases being notified as against 379 in 1951; there was one death due to Measles, but it still continues to be one of the serious infectious diseases of childhood.

WHOOPING COUGH.

17 Cases were notified during the year, as against 134 in 1951. There were no deaths due to this disease, but it continues to be one of the serious infectious diseases of childhood.

SCABIES.

Cases in diminishing numbers have been dealt with at home, during the year.

GENERAL.

Vaccination sessions are held monthly at the Sefton Avenue Clinic, this work is also carried out by the General Practitioners under the National Health Service. There were 234 Primary Vaccinations performed, 213 of which were successful; 43 re-vaccinations were performed all of which were successful. It has not been necessary to close the schools during the year because of infectious disease.

There have been no reports made under Article 17(7) Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, which refers to Plague, Cholera, Smallpox or any serious outbreak of disease in the district.

DISINFECTION.

There were 34 rooms in 26 houses disinfected during the year after Infectious Disease, including Tuberculosis. Several articles were disinfected at the Council's Disinfector (a Washington Lyons Type) situated in the Council's yard, Field Lane.

There is no arrangement for bathing verminous persons, etc. Disinfestation has been carried out at twenty-three houses.

Notifiable Diseases, 1952.

Number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified, number of deaths from these diseases, number of cases removed to Hospital, and deaths in Hospital during the year 1952:—

				CA	SES	Noti	FIED			7		HS.	Hos	PITAL
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	Total Cases					YE	ARS.					C DEATHS.	Total Cases	Deaths in Hospital
DIGEAGES.	at all Ages.	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65 and over	ages not known	TOTAL	removed to Hospital	of persons belonging toDistrict.
Smallpox	(a) Nil											(b)	(c)	(d)
Oli di Posti. i	9			5	2	$_2$							2	
Scarlet Fever	· ·		•••											
Diphtheria, including Membranous Croup	Nil	1									• • •		• •	• • •
Enteric or typhoid Fever, (excluding paratyphoid	Nil		• • •	• • •	• • •				• • •					• • •
Paratyphoid Fever	Nil		• • •		• • •	• • •		•••				•	•••	
Measles(excluding rubella)	175	8	62	49	52	3		1				• • •	•••	
Whooping Cough	17	•••	7	7	3	•••	•••						•••	• • •
Acute pneumonia primary and influenzal	5			• • •	2		•••	2		1	•••		2	
Puerperal Pyrexia	4							3				1	2	
Meningococcal Infection	Nil					• • •		• • •	• • •			• • •		
Acute poliomyelitis, Paralytic Non-paralytic	N 711			•••					1			•••		• • •
Acute encephalitis, Infective Post infectious	Nil Nil													
Dysentery	Nil		· · ·	ļ		¦	•••					•••		
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	1	ļ										1	
Erysipelas	Nil												•••	
Malaria— Contracted in this C'try Abroad	1					. ∦	1					• • •	1	
Food Poisoning	. 1	1	1.			. '							1	
Any other disease notifi able in district, e.g. — Chicken Pox	- NT:1						•			•				
Any other disease (specify)	. Nil				• • •	-							•••	•••
Totals	213	10	69	61	59	5	1	6		. 1		1	9	•••

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

213 cases of Infectious Disease were notified during the year.

					C	CASES :	Notifi	ED		
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943
Smallpox Scarlet Fever Diphtheria Enteric or typhoid fever (excluding	Nil 9 Nil	Nil 19 Nil	Nil 37 Nil	28 1	47 2	38 16	23 9	 67 26	47 12	34 23
paratyphoid) Paratyphoid fever Measles (excluding rubella) Whooping cough	Nil Nil 175 17	Nil 7 379 134	Nil Nil 421 140	210 98	254 10	1 1 174 91	199 71	71 38	1 369 111	1 185 69
Acute pneumonia (primary and influenzal) Puerperal pyrexia Meningococcal infection Acute Poliomyelitis—	5 4 Nil	8 1 1	10 Nil	2	4 2 	2	7	16 	30	27 1
Paralytic	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	3	2	• • •	2	•••	• • •	•••	
Infective	Nil Nil Nil 1 Nil	Nil Nil 3 Nil 2	 Nil Nil 1	 4 1 1	 3 	1	2 1 2	2 7	 1 1 8	5
Contracted in England and Wales Abroad Food poisoning Any other diseases notifiable in	Nil l l	Nil Nil	• • •	•••	1	• • •	1	• • •	•••	• • •
district, e.g.— Chicken Pox Any other diseases (specify)*	Nil	Nil		•••	•••	•••	1	•••	•••	
*Cerebro-spinal fever Anthrax Gastro-enteritis	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil 	2	3 2	1 2	• • •	2	1 	2 1
	213	554	612	349	329	332	316	229	581	348

Infectious Diseases.

					C	CASES R	EMOVE	р то Е	HOSPITA	AL
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943
Smallpox	2	2	Nil 7	Nil 7		 12	 11	42		1.0
Scarlet Fever	4		4		9	12	YT	42	13	19
Diphtheria (including membranous croup)				1	2	20	16	36	17	23
Enteric or typhoid fever (excluding	• • •	• • •	• • •	1	<u> </u>	20	10	30	1 (20
			Nil							
Paratyphoid fever		7	1411	•••	• • •	1	• • •	• • •	1	1
Measles (excluding rubella)		i	• • • •		5	4	7	i	_	1
Whooping cough	• • •	î	• • • •		2		3	2	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Acute pneumonia (primary and	•••	-	•••		-				1	Ac-d
influenzal)	2	1	4	2	2	1	2		2	
Puerperal pyrexia	$\overline{2}$	ī		-	ĩ					1
Meningococcal infection—	1	_							***	_
Acute poliomyelitis		1								
Paralytic			2	2		3				
Non-Paralytic										
Acute encephalitis—										
Infective	• • •									
Post-infectious		1								
Dysentry				3	2	1	2	2	1	
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1		• • •	1			1			
Erysipelas		1	• • •	• • •	1	2	Nil	2	4	2
Malaria (Contracted in England and										
.Wales)					1	• • •	1			
Abroad	1				• • •	• • •				
Food poisoning	1		• • •				Nil			
Any other diseases notifiable in										
district, e.g	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •	
Chicken Pox			• • •			• • •	1		• • •	
Any other diseases (specify)*					_	_				
*Cerebro-spinal fever	• • •		• • •	• • •	3	1	• • •	2	1	2
Anthrax	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •			• • •	1
Gastro enteritis	• • •	• • •		• • •	2	2		•••	• • •	• • •
	0	1.5	1.0	1.6	30	47	4.4	97	10	52
	9	15	13	16	30	41	44	87	40	52

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality During 1952 (Local Register).

				New	Cases.					
AGE PERIODS.		Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory.		
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years	0 1 2 5 10 15 20 25 35 45 55 65 75 and up		 1 3 1 4 3 2 1	 2 4 7 6 4 1 	 1	1	 2 4 1 1 1	 	1 	
	TOTALS		19	24	1	1	9	3	1	.:: 1

Tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district.

7.—Maternity and Child Welfare.

The whole of this work is carried out by the Lancashire County Council at Sefton Avenue, Litherland.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

This work is carried out by the Lancashire County Council; there were no cases notified during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1952 for the Urban District of Litherland in the County of Lancaster.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

	M/c	Number		M/c		
Premises	line No.	on Register	Inspections	Written	Occupiers prosecuted	line No.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	19	70	Nil	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	60	180	Nil	Nil	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority † (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	4	9	Nil	Nil	3
		83	259	Nil	Nil	

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

	M/c		Numb in which de	Number of cases in	M/c		
Particulars	line No.	Found	Remedied	Refe To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	which prosecutions were instituted	line No.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5						5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6						6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	11	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) insufficient	9						9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10						10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	11	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	18	18	Nil	Nıl	Nil	12
TOTAL	72	48	48	Nil	Nil	Nil	72

PART VIII OF THE ACT. OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

				Sec	Section 111					
		M/c line	workers in August list required by Sect. 110	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	prosecu- tions for failure to supply	instances of work in unwhole some	N'tices served	Prose- cutions	M/c line No	
	(1)		(2)	(1) (c) (3)	(4)	lists (5)	premises (6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Wearing (Making, etc		13	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13
	Cleaning and washing	•••	14							14
	TOTAL		70	3	• • •	•••				70

The Urban District Council of Litherland.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector. 1952.

August, 1953.

To THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Lady/Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report of the work executed in 1952, together with the particulars of the nuisances abated, and improvements effected thereby. There is still a shortage of essential building materials which often cause delay in compliance with notices. Difficulty in getting repairs completed owing to increased costs is also being experienced.

A very serious nuisance was dealt with during the year caused by cats and dogs having access to the whole of a large semi-detached house, without proper control and soiling the whole of the premises; there were nine cats, seven kittens, two dogs and five pups, twenty-three animals The house was owner-occupied and considerable opposition was experienced in remedying the nuisance. The R.S.P.C.A. Officer was called in and he reported that the cats were verminous.

Arrangements were made through the legal representative of the occupier for all except the two dogs to be removed.

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT, NOTICES SERVED, Etc.

During the year 4,988 inspections and re-inspections were made in reference to complaints and housing.

It was necessary in numerous instances, however, to interview and write to the persons concerned, drawing their attention to notices which had not received prompt attention.

There were 1,887 Informal Notices and letters, etc., referring to nuisances and general dilapidations served, and in due course complied with.

No Abatement Notices were served during the year, the work having been complied with before the notice was due to be served.

SCHOOLS.—W.C. accommodation and water supply has been inspected during the year.

INSPECTION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY.—The food exposed for sale in the district has been inspected from time to time. Meat shops and food preparing places are inspected periodically.

Handling of unwrapped food is still prevalent despite advice and

propaganda.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.—There is one "private" slaughter-house within the district; there was no slaughtering during the year.

LITHERLAND HYGIENIC FOOD GUILD.—The above Guild was formed in January, 1950.

Membership consists of Food Traders, Members of the Rate-payers' and Tenants' Association, Townswomen's Guild and Other Organisations in the district. Talks and Film Shows on Hygiene have been given during the year. A display set of twelve posters on "Food Poisoning" obtained from the Central Office of Information, London, have been pasted on to cardboard and have been distributed on loan for short periods to Food Manufacturers, Canteens, Schools, etc. Visits have been made to Food Factories, and Milk Depots.

Plaques are provided for members whose shops comply with the "Codes of Practice" laid down by the Guild. Badges and brooches have been provided for the staffs of the shops which comply with the "Codes of Practice." Whist drives and dances have been and are being held, to provide funds for the purchase of the plaques, badges, etc.

INSPECTION OF MEAT:—

Food condemned as unfit for human consumption:—
1 Ton. 5 cwts. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.—Number of dairies on register, 4; number of shops other than dairies selling milk, 25; 30 visits were made during the year. On the whole, a fairly high standard of cleanliness is maintained.

Nine supplementary licences were issued to retail:—
"Tuberculin Tested" Milk.

Five licences were issued for "Pasteurized" Milk and nineteen for "Sterilized" Milk.

There are no no cows kept in the district, one cowkeeper had five cows last year, these have now been sold and removed.

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES.

MILK SAMPLES.—Ten samples were submitted for examination. The Bacteriologist report shows that six samples were satisfactory to the "Methylene Blue Test" and one unsatisfactory; that seven samples were satisfactory to the "Phosphatase Test" and that three were satisfactory to the Turbidity test.

ICE CREAM SAMPLES.—Twelve samples of ice cream were sent for "Bacteriological Examination"; the report showed the following Provisional Grades:—Five in Grade 2; Six in Grade 3; and one in Grade 4.

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLES.—Ten samples of milk were taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938-1950; all samples were reported "Genuine."

FISH FRYING SHOPS AND WET FISH SHOPS.—Eighteen visits were paid to fish frying shops and wet fish shops, which were maintained in a generally satisfactory condition.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.—Visits have been made where black smoke and grit have been excessive; interviews between engineers and stokers have taken place and advice given. Complaints of obnoxious fumes from a factory received attention; this factory is now installing a special plant to eliminate the fumes, etc.

REFUSE COLLECTION.—This work is carried out under the supervision of the Sanitary Department; three gangs, with three vehicles are used.

The fleet comprises two Paxits and one Low Loader. Gullies are emptied by a mechanically operated gully-emptier, also by hand.

One hundred and seventy-four new refuse bins were provided during the year.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.—Twenty-three houses were disinfested during the year by means of spraying with Zaldecide and D.D.T., and sulphur candles. Clothing and bedding were taken to the Council's steam Disinfector. The whole of this work is carried out by the Council's workmen.

One hundred and thirty-one houses were disinfested for cockroaches, fleas, ants, earwigs and woodworm. They were treated with Zaldecide and D.D.T. successfully. Snails in the back passages were treated with salt. Gammexane powder has also been used with good results.

Two dead dogs and one dead cat were removed during the year.

BEES.—A swarm of bee's was reported in a front garden during July, a local Bee keeper was called in, who dealt with the nuisance and removed the bee's.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.—

This work has been carried out in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries direction.

PROPERTIES INSPECTED)	• • •	• • •	• • •	501
Local Authority	• • •	-	• • •	• • •	32
Private Dwellings			• • •	• • •	352
Business Premises					117

INFESTED PROPERTIES	TREATE	D	• • •		243
Local Authority	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	20
Private Dwellings	• • •		• • •		184
Business Premises					39

SEWERS.—Two sewer treatments, including test-baiting, were carried out during the year (i.e.) March and September, in accordance with the Ministry's instructions. An Inspector of the Ministry visited the district whilst treatment was in progress, and satisfied himself that the work was carried out as directed by the Ministry, thus enabling the Local Authority to receive assistance.

A summary of treatments, and destruction of rodents, is as follows:—

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		Treati	ments.	Desi	truction	(approx.)
		Rats.	Mice.		Rats.	Mice.
Private Dwellings	• • •	56	128	• • •	132	801
Business Premises	• • •	16	24	• • •	68	437
Council Property inclu	ding					
Allotments & Building	Sites	9	11		74	207
Sewers	• • •	2	-	• • •	57	gurup khiluba
Totals		83	163		331	1,445

Council Property receiving treatment included the Town Hall, Field Lane Flats and the Salvage Depot. All infestations were of a minor degree.

COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES.—A survey and inspection of poultry runs on the Council Estates was carried out during the year, 34 Tenants were keeping Hens or Pigeons, no rodent infestations were found. A decrease in the number of poultry runs has been recorded.

Infestations Infestations	inspection		• • •	
		Total	• • •	246

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS.—There is no recognised camping site in the district, a large portion of the open space between Hawthorne Road and Orrell Road which was used chiefly by the caravan dwellers is now being built on, thus preventing the nuisance caused by these people.

SUPERVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Twenty-two visits were paid to houses where Infectious Diseases had occurred and the necessary enquiries made into each case, also a sanitary survey was made of the premises, notices served where necessary for various defects, and work was carried out, and 8 re-visits were paid to ensure that the work was carried out. The schools have been thoroughly disinfected during the year. The head teachers have been notified

regarding children attending the schools where infectious disease had occurred, also after disinfection.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.—Two hundred and fifty-nine visits and re-visits were made to factories during the year. Repairs to W.C.'s, drains, water supply, floors, ventilation cleansing and rainwater pipes, etc., have been carried out during the year. The larger factories find employment for approximately 3,095 persons.

OUTWORKERS.—Visits were made to premises where outworkers were engaged; the premises were found to be satisfactory.

SALVAGE.

WASTE FOOD.—During the year 6 tons 2 cwts. 2 qrs. of food was collected and disposed of to pig dealers.

WASTE PAPER.—50 tons 12 cwts. 0 qrs. was baled and sold for pulping.

MISCELLANEOUS.—During the year 14 tons 8 cwts. 1 qr. of Metal, Rags, Sacking, were collected and disposed of.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF DEPARTMENT.

Number of inspections and re-inspections (complaints and	
housing)	4988
Number of visits and re-visits to factories	259
Number of visits to bakehouses	16
Number of visits to dairies and milkshops, etc	30
Number of informal notices served and letter, etc	1887
Number of visits to offensive trades	6
Samples of milk submitted for bacteriological examination	10
Samples of ice cream submitted for bacteriological examination	12
Samples of milk taken under Food and Drugs Act	10
Cases of infectious disease visited and reported upon	22
Number of houses disinfected	26
Number of rooms disinfected	34
Number of verminous houses disinfested for bugs	23
Number of verminous houses disinfested for other insects etc	131
Number of visits to fish frying shops and wet fish shops	18
Number of visits to butchers' shops, food preparing places, ice	
cream premises and food hawkers, etc	380
Number of visits to slaughter-house	2
Number of visits to schools	20
Number of visits to Tents, Vans and Sheds	83
Number of visits to stable premises and garages	27
Rent Books inspected	36

DETAILS OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES.

Drains tested, repaired or renewed	• • •		• • •		33
Defective w.c. cisterns, pans, traps, v	water su	pply, et	C.	• • •	36
Staircases repaired	• • •	• • •		• • •	3
Defective water supply to houses, en	tc., new	taps, 1	ourst p	ipes,	
etc	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	24
Defective floors in dwelling houses, e	etc.	• • •	• • •	• • •	14
Offensive accumulations	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1
New ashbins provided	• • •	• • •	* * *	• • •	17
Insanitary yard surfaces		• • •	• • •	• • •	14
Walls and chimneys pointed and repa	aired	• • •	• • •		52
Defective eaves, gutters, R.W. pipes,	etc.		• • •	• • •	35
New back boilers, storage cisterns a	and cyli	nders 1	provide	d or	
repaired		• • •	• • •	• • •	4
Defective skirting boards repaired		• • •	• • •	• • •	1
Defective plasterwork and limewashing	ng, etc.	• • •	• • •	• • •	31
Repairs to window sashes and frame	es, and	lighting	g and v	vent-	
ilation improved	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	31
Leaky roofs (dwelling houses, et.)	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	54
New doors and repairs to doors	• • •	• • •	* * *	• • •	23
Animals and Fowls kept to be a nuis	ance	• • •	• • •	• • •	
Defective wash boilers and structures	3	• • •	• • •	• • •	
New sinks and other sanitary fittings	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	9
Defective fire ranges, jambs, and flue	s	• • •	* * •	• • •	11
Defective drainer boards	• • •	• • •			1
FACTORIES ACT, 19	037 and	10/18			
Want of cleanliness					1
Ineffective drainage of floors					1
Defective sanitary conveniences and i					
Other defects (burst pipes, walls, etc.	•				1
Inadequate ventilation	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. HARRISON,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.





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